

## ABSTRACT

A printing apparatus and a method to pick up paper using the printing apparatus. The printing apparatus includes a main body; a signal supply section to supply a signal indicative of a type of a paper to be fed from a paper feeding section provided in the main body; at least one friction member provided to form an angle within a predetermined range in relation to the leading edge of a paper picked up from the paper feeding section so that predetermined frictional force is applied to the leading edge of the paper, the friction member being installed to changeable structure within the range; at least one elastic member to elastically bias the friction member in a first direction; a cam unit movably installed to the main body, the cam unit forcibly moving the friction member in a second direction opposite to the first direction to change the structure of the friction member while the cam unit is being moved by driving force; a driving force supply unit movably installed in the main body, the driving force supply unit to supply driving force to the cam unit at the time of being moved; and a control section to control the driving of the driving force supply unit based on the signal in relation to the type of the paper supplied from the signal supply section.